

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 626

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the members of AIDNET of Greene County.

WHEREAS, this Legislative Body takes pride in recognizing those volunteer-based community service organizations that work with purpose and conviction to improve the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is AIDNET (Aiding In Disasters North East Tennessee) of Greene County; and

WHEREAS, always remaining true to their worthy mission, the members of AIDNET of Greene County are wholly devoted to assuring that the victims of any natural, man-made, or technological disaster in Greene County receive the appropriate, long term recovery aid that they need; and

WHEREAS, these noble volunteers skillfully and selflessly coordinate assistance from contributing service agencies, identify survivors with specific needs, and acquire and dispense the necessary resources to the victims; and

WHEREAS, originally established by the Greeneville/Greene County Ministerial Association and group of concerned citizens, AIDNET of Greene County was launched in August of 2001 when devastating floods enveloped southern Greene County and East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after several tornadoes ripped through Greene County in April of 2011, AIDNET of Greene County was re-activated, with countless volunteers freely donating their time and energies to help the survivors rebuild their lives and their communities; and

WHEREAS, these generous volunteers are guided by the astute leadership and direction of President Jim Ramey of Tennessee Baptist Disaster Response, Vice President Jeff Idell of Idell Construction, Secretary Wendy Peay of United Way of Greene County, Treasurer Jan Leffers of Greeneville/Greene County Ministerial Association, Director-At-Large Wayne Bettis of Ruritan "Operation We Care," Director-At-Large Lera Doherty, Director-At-Large Dr. James Kilgore of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Director-At-Large Cathy Lamons, and Director-At-Large Robin Shepherd of the Niswonger Group; and

WHEREAS, the members of this laudable organization are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State." As ambassadors of those very precepts, the members of AIDNET of Greene County should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of AIDNET of Greene County for their exemplary service to their community and the State of Tennessee, commend their hard work and dedication providing relief and assistance to the victims of disasters, and offer our best wishes for its continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.